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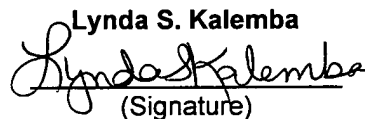
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AMENDMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action (non-final) mailed December 21, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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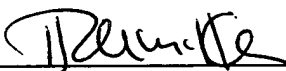
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | No. of Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims | 23 | Minus | 23 | 0 | X 50 | \$0.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 3 | Minus | 3 | 0 | X 200 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | = | \$0.00 |

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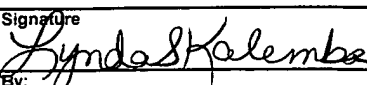
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